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bridge over the Yeluru River (estimate Rs. 7·10 lakhs) will be taken up for execution shortly. The work of forming a link bund in the breached portion of the bridge has been taken up and it is nearing completion."

Jayankondan Taluk Headquarters Hospital.

* 1074 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Jayankondan is to be converted into a Government Hospital under the provincialization scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Provincialization of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals is being done, at the rate of 5 or 6 such hospitals every year subject to the financial position of the State. The Provincialization of the hospital at Jayankondan will be taken up in due course."

Backward Classes Advisory Board.

* 1075 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Backward Classes Advisory Board was formed for the last time and the duration of the board thus formed; and

(*b*) what are the functions of the board?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Backward Classes Advisory Committee was last constituted in 1951 and its term which was one year expired on 6th February 1952. The term was subsequently extended up to 6th May 1952. The question of reconstituting the Committee is now under the consideration of Government.

" (*b*) The function of the Committee is to advise the Government on matters relating to the amelioration of the conditions of the Backward Classes."

Agricultural income-tax on plantations.

* 1076 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when steps for taxing agricultural income-tax on plantations agreed to by the Minister before the Assembly on 10th July 1952 will be taken up and at what stage the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question of levy of an agricultural income-tax is under consideration of the Government. It will take some time for them to arrive at a final decision."

Tungabhadra High-level Canal.

* 1077 *Q.*—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many sluices were provided in the dam at Mallapuram for the Tungabhadra High-level Canal and their maximum discharges;

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(b) whether there is any provision to increase the above discharge through the existing sluices;

(c) whether there is any possibility of providing additional sluices for the High-level Canal; and

(d) if so, what will be the approximate cost?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) One sluice with 10 vents of 6 feet by 12 feet with their sills at plus 1,585·00. It is designed to discharge 4,000 cusecs with a head of 1 foot. With a greater head, the discharge will be more.

" (b) There is no need. When the reservoir level is above plus 1,600·00 the sluices can, if required, pass more than 8,000 cusecs.

" (c) No. The present sluices are sufficiently large to discharge any reasonable quantity that is likely to be required for the High-level Canal Scheme and to utilize the surplus water that Madras may get in the final allocation.

" (d) This does not arise in view of the answer to clause (c)."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 1078 Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) what is the amount allotted in the year 1952–53 to the King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, for supplying diet to the patients;

(b) whether the amount so allotted was spent completely for that purpose;

(c) if not, whether there is any amount left unspent; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Rs. 2,75,000.

" (b) Yes; an additional amount of Rs. 13,626–6–4 over and above the allotment made for 1952–53 was also spent.

" (c) & (d) Does not arise."

Subsidy for wells for irrigation.

* 1079 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal now pending with the Government for granting subsidies for well sinking and for improvement of old wells for purposes of irrigation; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be granted to the ryots?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) There is no proposal.

" (b) Does not arise."